

ASHLAND COLLEGE AND HER WORK

I am anxious to speak an earnest word to the many readers of the EVANGELIST and especially to the young men and women, upon the subject of one's preparation for the great work of life.

Perhaps the first question asked is "Will an education pay?" To this question there can be but one answer. No money is so well spent as that invested in education. Nothing pays so well as strong and thorough preparation for life's work. The well prepared men and women are always in great demand. They can do not only the highest grades of work but they can do all work better. A college education multiplies the chances of success forty or fifty times.

But there are weightier reasons to be urged in support of higher education than mere material success. Life is sacred and its duty divine. To live the highest and best life and to be able to meet its responsibilities is to attain unto life's end. "Education is the preparation for complete living."

A young man or woman who pursues a college course of study and completes it will ever after be a new "creation." Even a single term's work well done will affect the whole after life. Education transforms life. It gives power to the soul in the development of its faculties. It brings out the true man. Education enlightens the soul and sets the man free.

Ashland College is taking an active and earnest part in this great work of educating the youth of our land. She opens her doors to the readers of the EVANGELIST and welcomes them in. We are anxious to interest you in our work and hence ask you to consider the following concerning it.

Location

Ashland College is located at Ashland, Ohio. The college buildings and ground are in the south part of the town. Our location is unsurpassed for beauty and commands fine scenery. No more healthful location could be found nor could a site more admirably adapted for college purposes be selected.

Buildings and Grounds

The college building is a large and elegant structure built of cut stone and brick. It has eight large recitation rooms, a beautifully furnished chapel, society halls, reading room, offices, etc. A few hundred feet west of the College, in the midst of the campus, stands the large and commodious dormitory. The rooms at the Hall are neatly and comfortably furnished.

The campus contains eighteen acres. It is well shaded and a number of fine flower beds have been made to add to its attractiveness. There is an athletic field for out door sports.

The Last Year

The last year has been a very successful one. We have had a larger enrollment and have done more extended work than at any previous time. There were nine graduates in the Normal course, and five from the Business and Shorthand courses.

Departments

The College maintains seven departments of instruction, as follows: Collegiate, Theological, Normal, Preparatory, Musical, Business, and Shorthand and Typewriting. The several departments of instruction are fully maintained. The courses of study offered in each are practical, thorough and up to date.

The Collegiate Courses

The regular college courses offered are equal to similar courses of the best colleges as an examination of the Curricula will show. Our Classical and

Scientific courses are especially strong. Those who do not wish to take the Latin and Greek of these courses may take the Philosophical course. We also offer a Literary course one year shorter than the regular courses. In this course English is emphasized while History, Political and Social Sciences receive considerable attention.

The Theological Courses

The Classical Divinity is a regular collegiate course. It will afford an excellent preparation for the work of the Christian ministry. The English Divinity course is shorter and will give the student who cannot spend the time required for the regular course an opportunity to make the best possible preparation for his work. In these courses Bible study holds the prominent place.

The Normal Course

Our Normal course is thorough, practical, and up-to-date. It is especially adapted to the needs of teachers and those preparing to teach. It is built to educate and to train educators.

The first year's work consists of common school branches and fits for the teacher's examination.

The second and third year's work embrace the subjects usually given in the High Schools, Academies and Preparatory Schools. English is emphasized. History, Mathematics, and Science receive due consideration. Students may make one year's Latin or German. If they wish they may elect two year's language work. The study of Psychology, Pedagogy, and the History and Science of Education is the distinguishing feature of this course.

The constant demand for well trained teachers is more and more persistent. Such secure permanent positions at good salaries and hold them. This course gives solid foundation in knowledge and discipline which assures high proficiency in the teacher's profession. No teacher can afford to remain year after year in the same old beaten path. The earnest man or woman will rise. Why not do work now that will assure you permanent success as a teacher?

The Preparatory Course

Our Preparatory Course fully prepares for college. Those who complete it can enter the best colleges without examination. The work is systematically arranged and is practical in the highest degree.

The Faculty

The Faculty of Ashland is strong. The professors are graduates of the foremost Colleges and Universities, and are really specialists in their departments. Besides, they are experienced and successful instructors. Personal interest is shown each student in his class work. We lay especial claims upon the strength of our class work.

Expenses

It will cost you less to come to Ashland and pursue a course of study than anywhere else we know of where equal advantages are offered. Our rates of tuition are low. Well furnished rooms can be had and good boarding secured at reasonable rates.

Catalog

If you are interested write for our new catalog. Any inquiries will be cheerfully answered. Address

J. Allen Miller, Ashland, Ohio.

That was a wise spiritual counsellor who said: "If you want to get near God in prayer do not go far from Him the rest of the time."

IRONY

B. C. MOOMAW

Elder P. J. Brown thinks that irony is not a suitable weapon in a religious article, but there is a possibility that his usually sound judgement may be a little at fault on this point. Irony is a very effective form of ridicule, and a standard work on rhetoric tells us that "It may be effectively applied to whatever is absurd, and in a measure also to what is false. When sober arguments would be too dignified and formidable a weapon to employ, ridicule may with propriety take its place."

"The attack of ridicule is from its very nature a covert one. What we profess to condemn, we scorn to confute. Hence the reasoning of which ridicule is the medium must be carried on under a species of disguise. Sometimes the contempt itself is dissembled, and the railer assumes an air of arguing gravely in defense of what he is exposing as ridiculous. He affects to be in earnest; but takes care to employ so thin a veil that one can easily see thru it and discern his real intent. Such a course of reasoning is known as irony, and it often constitutes the most effective way of dealing with folly and falsity."

So much for the text book; but if this is not sufficient to convince brother Brown that his point is not well taken, we will quote from another book, whose authority we know he fully concedes. Elijah's mocking speech to the prophets of Baal is cited by the textbooks the most perfect illustration of irony in literature. "Cry aloud for he is a god: either he is talking, or he is pursuing, or he is in a journey, or peradventure he sleepeth, and must be awakened."

Now did Elijah believe any of these things or did he wish us to believe any of them? The stern old prophet has evidently set us younger prophets a bad example here, and worse than that, he has incurred the disapproval of elder P. J. Brown.

The idea of a humane war could not of course be discussed in a serious vein. There is only one weapon to reach it, and that weapon is irony, ridicule, contempt. So vast a folly and so outrageous an iniquity as war should not be excused from any shaft, from any sort of attack, from any method of exposure known to literature.

There are other subjects to which irony may be applied with profitable effect, the numerous religious fads, for instance, which abound in this distressingly free country. How would you argue seriously with Christian Science, or second Elijah Dowie, or the Holy Rollers, or a dozen other bawling absurdities? Of course a difference must be made between honest ignorance and perverse ignorance. Irony is a keen and dangerous weapon which must be used with intelligent discretion, as a skillful surgeon his knife, and those who do not know how to use it, or when to use it, had perhaps better not try.